

No. R-348. House concurrent resolution honoring Poultney Selectboard Chair Edward Lewis for his exemplary community leadership in the Town of Poultney and in Addison and Rutland counties.

(H.C.R.263)

Offered by: Representatives McCoy of Poultney, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Devereux of Mount Holly, Eastman of Orwell, Fagan of Rutland City, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Fair Haven, Komline of Dorset, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, Tate of Mendon, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Offered by: Senators Ayer, Bray, Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, Ed Lewis's ancestors settled in Poultney in the 1700s, establishing the Tidy Hill Farm that has remained in his family to this day, and

Whereas, as a seventh-generation Vermonter, Ed Lewis has immersed himself in operating the Tidy Hill Farm, and

Whereas, although Ed Lewis's life is centered on his agricultural activities, he has participated in many community organizations, and

Whereas, for 40 years, he was the supervisor of the Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District, and

Whereas, the Co-Operative Insurance Companies, located in Middlebury, benefited from his 39 years as a director, and

Whereas, Ed Lewis has served on the board of the Horace Greeley Foundation for the past 13 years and is currently the vice president of this institution that honors Poultney's most famous resident with commemorative and scholarly programs, and

Whereas, through his membership in the Poultney Historical Society, Ed Lewis has participated in celebrating and preserving his hometown's history, and

Whereas, Ed Lewis is a man of faith and serves as the record keeper for St. John's Episcopal Church in East Poultney, and

Whereas, in 2002, Ed Lewis was the worthy recipient of the Poultney Citizen of the Year Award, and

Whereas, Ed Lewis was married to his wife, Joan, for 42 years, until her death, and he is the father of Sharon, David, Rebecca, and Sarah and the grandfather of Travis, Megan, David, Macaela, Jordan, and Jacob, and

Whereas, for the past 16 years, Ed Lewis has exercised wise civic leadership as a member of the Poultney Selectboard, on which he has most recently been serving as the respected chair, and

Whereas, Ed Lewis has decided to pass along the Poultney Selectboard's gavel and not stand for reelection on Town Meeting Day 2016, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Poultney Selectboard Chair Edward Lewis for his exemplary community leadership in the Town of Poultney and in Addison and Rutland counties, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Ed Lewis.